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Subject:

**Divisional Patent Application of**

Serial No.: 09/541,484 4/3/00

WEN-TING CHU, HSIN-MING CHEN

A NOVEL SELF-ALIGNED, LOW CONTACT  
RESISTANCE, VIA FABRICATION PROCESS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment for the above referenced Divisional Patent  
Application. Please amend the above identified application for patent as follows:

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